Instructions for School-Age Programs

The following are instructions for completing the forms required for participation in YoungStar for licensed group child care programs.

If you are in the Process of being Licensed

If you are in the process of being licensed, you should complete this Contract to the best of your ability and return it to your local YoungStar office as soon as you know you want to care for children in the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program.

If you do not know some of the information (for example, your Provider Number, Location Number or Facility Number) you should still submit the form. You **CANNOT** receive Wisconsin Shares reimbursement for any care provided before this YoungStar Contract is returned to your local YoungStar office. **You may return this contract to your local YoungStar office before you receive your license.**

If you return this contract to your local YoungStar office before you receive your license, you are responsible for contacting the local YoungStar office as soon as you receive your license so you may begin YoungStar services and to ensure that Wisconsin Shares payments are received in a timely manner.

Note: In the past, two forms were required for participation in YoungStar (the YoungStar Participation Request **AND** the Wisconsin Share Contract). Beginning in 2012, these forms have been combined into one form called the YoungStar Contract. If you have never participated in YoungStar before, fill out the YoungStar Contract. If you are currently participating in YoungStar, **DO NOT** use the YoungStar Contract to reapply, instead you will be mailed a YoungStar Contract **Renewal** approximately 60 days before your YoungStar anniversary date. Your YoungStar anniversary date is the anniversary of the date you were given your first YoungStar rating. If you have any questions about this process, contact your Local YoungStar Office.

Programs not currently serving children who receive Wisconsin Shares subsidies

If you are not currently serving children who receive Wisconsin Shares **and** you are not licensed, you will not have any of the numbers asked for in this form. In order to accept Wisconsin Shares payments, a program needs to be certified, licensed or have a contract with a school district to provide before and after school programming for children. If your program has a contract with a school district but has never accepted Wisconsin Shares and would like to participate in YoungStar, please contact Coral Manning at coral.manning@wisconsin.gov to learn about your options for this.

If a program is not certified or licensed and does not have a contract with a school district to provide before and after school services, that program cannot participate in YoungStar.

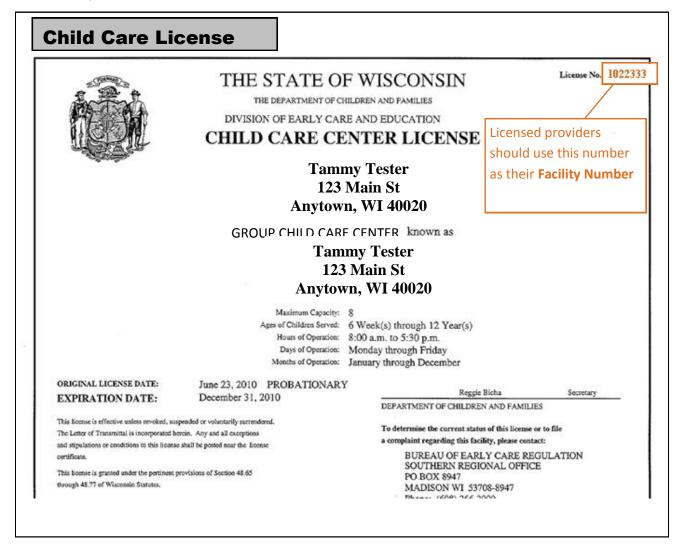
If you have any questions about completing the form or about YoungStar in general, please call your Local YoungStar Office. To find your Local YoungStar Office, see the map at the following web site: http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/map/default.htm. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the main YoungStar number:

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A. To complete the forms have the following THREE pieces of information ready:

1. Your Facility Number:

For licensed programs this number is the same as your License Number, found in the upper-right corner of your License (as shown below).



Programs currently serving children who receive Wisconsin Shares subsidies

For programs that are currently caring for children who receive Wisconsin Shares, if you have access to the Child Care Provider Information (CCPI) web site, you can also find your **Facility Number** on the CCPI web site after you log in (shown below).

If you do not have access to the CCPI web site AND you are serving children who receive Wisconsin Share subsidies, you may request access at http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/ccpi/default.htm



2. Your Wisconsin Shares Provider Number:

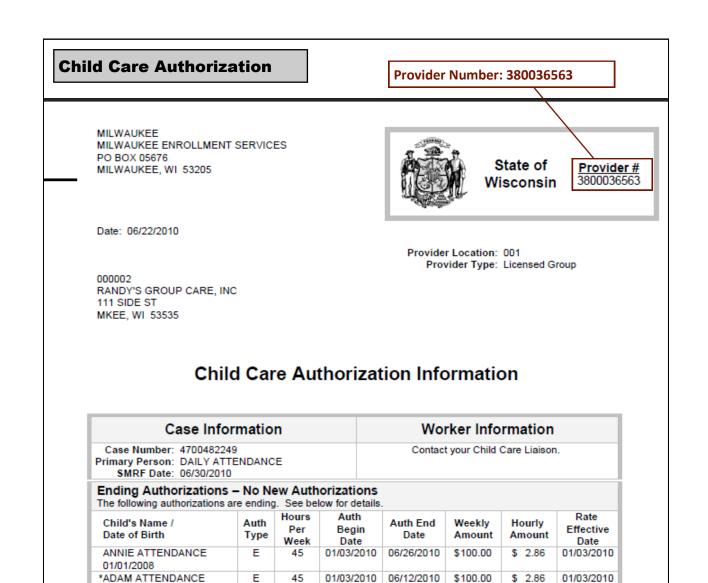
Programs not currently serving children who receive Wisconsin Shares subsidies

If you are not currently serving children who receive Wisconsin Shares, you will not have this number. In this case, write "Not Applicable" in the section that asks for your **Provider Number** on the YoungStar Contract form.

Programs currently serving children who receive Wisconsin Shares subsidies

For programs that are currently serving children who receive Wisconsin Shares, the **Provider Number** can be found in the upper-right corner of your Child Care Authorization (as shown below), on your Wisconsin Shares check or on your direct deposit slip for Wisconsin Shares. Alternatively, if you have access to the Child Care Provider Information (CCPI) web site, you can find your **Provider Number** on the CCPI web site after you log in (also shown on page 4).

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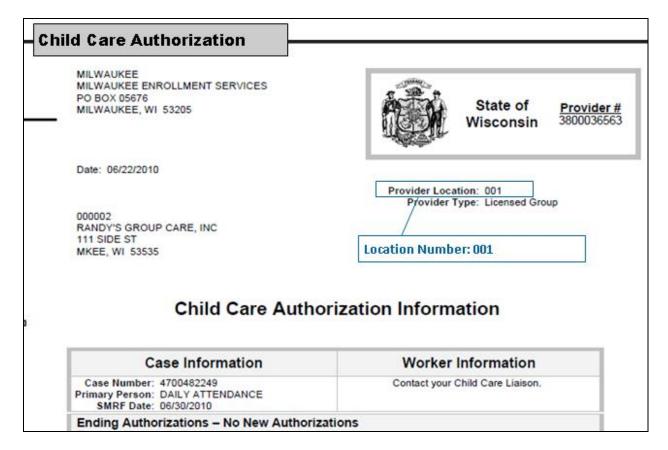
3. Your Location Number:

<u>Programs not currently serving children who receive Wisconsin Shares subsidies</u>
If you are not currently serving children who receive Wisconsin Shares, you will not have this number. In this case, write "Not Applicable" in the section that asks for your **Location Number** on the YoungStar Contract form.

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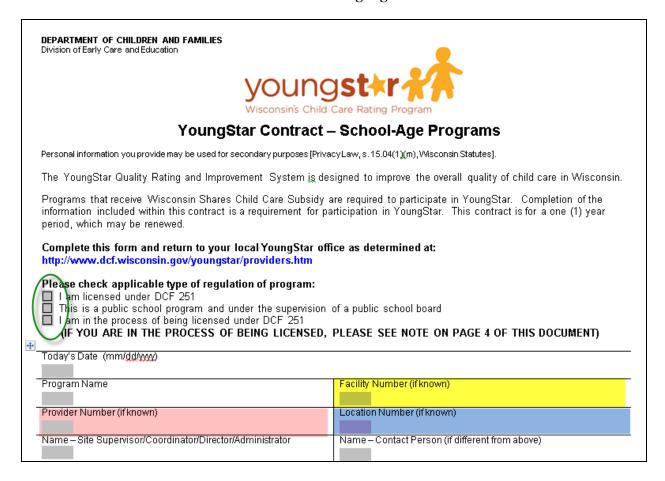
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B. Filling out the YoungStar Contract—School-Age Programs

- 1. Check the box that corresponds with your regulation status (circled below
- 2. When you have gathered your Facility Number (if applicable), Provider Number and Location Number (if applicable), enter this information into the YoungStar Contract –Group Center (as shown below).
 - Enter the Facility Number in the yellow highlighted area.
 - Enter the **Provider Number** in the pink highlighted area.
 - Enter the **Location Number** in the blue highlighted area.



- 3. Fill in the contact information for the program (highlighted in yellow below).
- 4. Fill in the number of groups you have, the number of children of all ages that you serve and ages of those children (highlighted in green below).

Today's Date (mm/dd/\ww)			<u> </u>
Program Name		Facility Number (ifknown)	
Provider Number (if known)		Location Number (if known)	
Name – Site Supervisor/Coordinator/Director/Administrator		Name – Contact Person (if different from above)	
Address – School-Age Program (Street, City, Zip Code)			County/Tribe – School-Age Program
Telephone Number Cell Phone Number			Fax Number
Email			
Number of Children Currently Number of Groups Enrolled		Age Range of Children Served	

5. Read the information on pages 1-2 of the YoungStar Contract to guide your decision about what type of support you choose for your program.

If you have questions about which type of rating you should choose, please contact your Local YoungStar Office. To find your Local YoungStar Office, see the map at the following web site: http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/map/default.htm. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the main YoungStar number:

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6. Choose the type of YoungStar support you want.

Non-Accredited Programs: Programs that <u>are not accredited</u> through the City of Madison or the Council on Accreditation (COA) choose the type of support they want through YoungStar.

Option A: If a program would like to be given a rating based upon education and training of the Site Supervisor/Coordinator/Administrator/Director and the Group Leaders alone and does not want someone to come into their program, they should check Box A (shown by the green arrow below).

Option B: If a program would like to someone to come into their program to rate them based upon all of the quality indicators in YoungStar, they should check Box B (shown by the red arrow below). Additionally, if the program wants free one-on-one Technical Assistance to help prepare for the rating, they should check the box under Box B (circled below).

I request the following support from the local YoungStar office (choose one of the three options below):			
A. I do not wish to have any technical assistance and do not want a Technical Consultant to come visit my program. I understand that by selecting this option, my program CANNOT earn more than a 2 Star rating and WILL NOT be eligible for a micro-grant.			
B. I would like a Technical Consultant to visit my program and rate it. I understand that by selecting this option, my program can earn a rating of up to 5 Stars.			
Additionally, I would like someone to provide one-on-one technical assistance to help me get ready for this rating and/or to help me improve my program.			
C. My program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) or the City of Madison and I would like an automated rating of 4 or 5 Stars based on this accreditation and my educational qualifications. I understand it is my responsibility to send proof of my accreditation to the Department of Children and Families on a timely basis to ensure my rating is correct. These may be faxed to 608-224-6178 or emailed to Bridget.Benson@wi.gov. A copy of the YoungStar accreditation policy can be found at: http://dcf.wisconsin.gow/youngstar/pdf/accreditation_policy.pdf			
Additionally, I would like someone to provide one-on-one technical assistance to help me improve my program.			
Valid Accreditation Type Valid Dates			

Accredited Programs: Programs that <u>are accredited</u> through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Accreditation Commission (NAC), the City of Madison or the Council on Accreditation (COA) must check Box C (shown by the purple arrow below) and enter information about their accreditation into the box (highlighted below). These programs must also choose if they want to receive Technical Assistance or not. If they want Technical Assistance, they should check the box under Option C (circled below).

I request the following support from the local YoungStar office (choose one of the three options below):			
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Valid Accreditation Type	Valid Dates		

7. Sign and date the form

All programs must sign and date the **YoungStar Contract** in order for the form to be complete (highlighted below). **The form will not be complete if it is not signed.**

 As a YoungStar program participant, I certify that my program: Is currently either licensed by the State of Wisconsin; certified within Wisconsin; or has a current contract with a school board in the State of Wisconsin to provide care to children in the district of said school board, or is in the process of becoming licensed by the State of Wisconsin or certified within Wisconsin. Has received information, understands YoungStar participant responsibilities and agrees to meet all YoungStar requirements. Is willing to provide services for children for which Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program reimbursement is made. Agrees to comply with all requirements spelled out in the Child Care Authorization form, including: reporting actual hours of attendance for all authorized children in care; immediate notification that a child is no longer attending my program upon becoming aware of change in attendance; caring for no more children than regulation rules allows, including private pay and subsidized children. Agrees to accurately represent my YoungStar rating. 				
agree to follow all Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program attendance reporting requirements, including accurate and timely reporting, as indicated in Wisconsin State Statutes 49 155 and Administrative Rules DCF 201. I have read and agree to follow policies as indicated in the Wisconsin Shares Subsidy Policy Guide for Child Care Providers. As a child care program program I agree to record actual arrival and departure times and maintain these records in an accessible format for later possible review.				
SIGNATURE – Authorized Representative for School-Age Program	Date Signed			

D. Return the YoungStar Contract to Your Local YoungStar Office

Programs must return the YoungStar Contract form to their Local YoungStar Office.

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After sending in both forms to your Local YoungStar Office, you will receive a contact from them within four weeks of the date they receive your materials. However, if you have any questions in the meantime, do not hesitate to call them.